GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FUND
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have set up `National Sports Development Fund`;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the sports/ games identified/selected for financing under the said fund;

(d) the financial assistance provided to each State for the development of sport activities during the last three years;

(e) whether indigenous sports like Kabaddi and Martial Arts are promoted under the fund; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Considering the promotion of Sports and Games as an important aspect of human resource development and in view of the fact that the constraint of resources is the main bottleneck in this direction, the Government has set up a National Sports Development Fund (NSDF). This Fund was set up with a view to mobilize resources from various Government/Semi- Government Organizations, Public/Private Sector units and individuals including Non Resident Indians. The accumulations of the Fund are to be utilized for promotion of sports and games, in general and for specific sports disciplines and individual sports persons, in particular for achieving excellence in the field of sports and games at National and International level.

(c) to (f): The Scheme of NSDF does not specify sports/games for financial assistance from the Fund. However, as per provisions of the Scheme, the National Sports Federations, State Sports Associations, State Sports Council, non- Government Organizations with a known record of promotion of sports and registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 (21 of 1860) or registered as public trust, functioning at least for three years or individual sports persons of outstanding talent are eligible for financial assistance from the fund for creation/maintenance of infrastructure, equipment, coaching/ training, study/research, publications, periodicals and documentation, conference/meeting or seminar, consultancy service, loans, travel subsidy etc.

During the last three years no request for financial assistance from the Fund has been received from any state.